

## MYSTERY SHROUDS BURNING OF VESSEL

Deckhand Discovered Fire on  
the Steamer St. Croix.

### PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE IS LOST

Ship's Captain Arrives in San Francisco and Corrects Many Sensational Reports—Passengers Pass Night in Sheltered Canyon Before Great Bonfires—Taken to Los Angeles.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Capt. Warner, of the steamer St. Croix, arrived here tonight and gave facts in regard to the burning and benching of the Coast Line steamer about which many sensational reports were circulated early last night. None of the 105 passengers was injured, although they lost most of their baggage. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but probably came from the oil-burning plant.

Flames were first discovered by a deckhand, who promptly gave the alarm. Then for a few minutes there was wild panic among the passengers, who made a rush for the boats and tried vainly to launch them.

Women Knocked Down. Several women were knocked down by men from the steerage, but the fellows were roughly handled by the crew, and all the passengers, under the captain's orders, waited at the head of the main deck while the crew lowered lifeboats and gave first place to women and children. Then the men climbed down.

Capt. Warner was the last man to leave the wreck. He ordered the boats to row rapidly away from the burning vessel, as he feared the heavily loaded lifeboat might be swamped by suction from the sinking steamer.

But the fire rapidly died down and the steamer drifted in near Point Dumea, where the passengers were landed. There in a sheltered canyon before great bonfires they passed the night.

Dressed mainly in borrowed clothing, 105 passengers of the burned steamer and seventy-eight of the officers and crew arrived here to-day from Santa Monica. Among the officers was Capt. Warner. They had walked most of the eighteen miles from the scene of the wreck to Santa Monica.

One woman—Mrs. L. A. Wallace, of Berkeley—had her legs badly hurt by an eyebolt from a davit rope which broke. She and her baby, with fourteen other occupants of a lifeboat, were thrown into the water, but all were rescued.

To Make Investigation. The revenue cutter McCulloch has sailed for the scene of the wreck to try to discover the cause of the fire.

The burned steamer belonged to the Schuchardt-Hamilton Company, of Seattle, and had been used on this line from San Pedro to Puget Sound to fight the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's vessels. Rates were slashed and steamers of both lines were crowded until last week, when travel dropped off.

### RECEPTION FOR NEW PASTOR.

Luther Place Memorial Church to Honor Rev. L. C. Douglas.

The congregation of the Luther Place Memorial Church will tender a reception to their newly elected pastor, Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, and his wife, in honor of the beginning of his pastoral labors, to-morrow evening. The reception will be held in the church parlors from 8 to 10 o'clock. Mrs. Douglas and her two daughters, Bettie and Virginia, have just arrived in the city. The pastor's home will be at 1739 Oregon avenue.

Arrangements are also being made for the formal installation of Rev. Mr. Douglas in his work, the exercises to be held a week from to-morrow evening. It is expected that the charges to the pastor and the congregation will be delivered by Rev. C. P. Wiles, of Keller Memorial Church, and Rev. Dr. John Weidley, of the Church of the Reformation.

Much interest has been manifested in the work of Rev. Mr. Douglas. A systematically organized campaign will be made to carry forward the interests of the church. Under the direction of Prof. Emilie Mori, the music is improving. A choir of twenty voices has been organized.

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### FAVORS RACE SUICIDE.

Prof. Nearing Ridicules Col. Roosevelt's Pet Theory.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—Limit the number of children in each family and limit the immigration to the United States, or else there is a grave danger of the population exceeding the available food supply, is the advice of Scott Nearing, instructor in economics of the University of Pennsylvania.

Speaking before the Hebrew Literary Society this afternoon on the subject of race suicide, Prof. Nearing ridiculed former President Roosevelt's pet theory of the advisability of big families, declaring that the anti-race suicide sentiment was responsible for the increased cost of living expenses.

Woman's sphere in life was given a new definition, he declaring that woman's function was not to bear children, but to rear a few children in the elements of future good citizenship.

### CLOTHES A-PLENTY ON CHORUS GIRLS

Why, of Course, the Skirts  
Were Not Too Short.

### SCHLEY AND OLIVER THERE

Admiral and Senator Victims of Joke, Which Proves Boomerang. Lassies from Theater Pour Wine Into Loving Cups, and Also Take a Few Sips—Pittsburg Takes Notice.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—Admiral Schley and United States Senator George T. Oliver were last night the victims of political jokers on the stage of the Gayety Theater.

The joke was a sort of boomerang on the instigators, for many of them are to-day trying to explain to indignant wives why they, too, were of the party that slipped wine from a common loving cup with chorus girls last night, while an audience of 2,000 howled the song, "How Dry I Am."

The admiral and the United States Senator were so plainly the victims of a flimsy joke that they have escaped censure, and the hero of Santiago was beginning to smile once more when he left for Washington to-day. There was blood on the moon for a few moments last night, however.

Present at Stag Night. Admiral Schley was the guest of Syria Temple of the Mystic Shrine all yesterday and last night, when the entire Gayety Theater had been bought out by the shrine for a stag night. One of the features near the end of the show was the presentation of a fine loving cup made of armor plate to the admiral.

Senator Oliver presented the cup formally to the admiral in the center of the stage, and as he finished there rushed from the wings a half dozen chorus girls in short skirts, etc. Two of them had opened bottles of champagne, which they emptied into the loving cup which they found in the hands of the admiral.

Chorus Girls Take Sip. Then they stood on each side of the embarrassed admiral and made signs for him to drink. Admiral Schley finally raised the cup to his lips, while the audience broke into "How Dry I Am." Admiral Schley then passed the cup to Senator Oliver, who had seemed paralyzed since the ballet descended on them. The Senator took his sip, then gallantly passed it to the chorus girls, who in turn passed it to the score of drinkers who had come on the stage with them to assist in the complete embarrassment of Admiral Schley and Senator Oliver.

There was quite a lot of discussion over the affair to-day, and many husbands and big brothers tried to explain at home that the reporters are very untruthful, and that the girls really had a lot of clothes on.

Students and Faculty Entertain. The faculty and students of Trinity College entertained at a dinner last evening and celebrated the completion of the new wing of the college, in which the new dining hall is located. Among the guests were Very Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Shanahan, Rev. William J. Kerby, Rev. John W. Molloy, Very Rev. Charles F. Aiken, Very Rev. Charles P. Grannan, Very Rev. E. A. Pace, and Rev. Thomas E. Shields, all of the faculty of the Catholic University.

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### NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

City Council Will Elect New School Board.

### REV. G. E. GROSS INSTALLED

Impressive Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church—Elks Plan Memorial Service—Police Seek Fugitive Railway Fireman—Basket-ball League Proposed by Athletes.

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WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 625 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 21.—When the city council meets on Tuesday night, it is expected several matters pertaining to street improvements will come up for consideration, among them probably the macadamizing of Alfred street, between Prince and Duke streets.

It is not believed the proposed improvement of the extreme end of North Washington street, which is being fostered by the chamber of commerce, will come up for consideration at this meeting. It is generally believed, however, it will be again taken up at some future date.

Among other things, the election of school trustees from the four wards of the city will take place. The following members of the school board, whose terms have expired, will probably be again placed in nomination: C. R. Yates, First ward; G. William Ramsay, Second ward; W. F. Carna, Third ward, and W. B. Smoot, Fourth ward. Dr. W. M. Smith, of the Fourth ward, has removed to the Third ward.

Rev. George E. Gross was at 3 o'clock this afternoon installed as pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church with appropriate ceremonies. The services in connection with the installation were conducted by Rev. H. Schroeder, assisted by Rev. Mr. Wenckel, both of Washington.

Afterward Rev. Mr. Gross preached an appropriate sermon. The church was decorated with palms and cut flowers. A special programme of music was given by the choir, assisted by talent from Washington. Rev. Mr. Gross comes from North Carolina, and succeeds Rev. J. J. May.

Arrangements are being completed by the memorial committee of Alexandria Lodge of Elks for its annual memorial day services, which will be held in the Opera House the evening of December 5. A suitable memorial address will be made by Representative C. E. Pickett, of Iowa, past grand exalted ruler of the lodge. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of the following: C. R. Marshall, C. C. Carlin, J. B. Fitzgerald, James Martin, and George T. Canton.

Those interested in the movement having for its object the placing of the steamer Edward S. Gamble in operation for the benefit of the Alexandria employees of the steel plant, on the opposite side of the river, and the employees of the Washington Navy yard, will meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening at the rooms of the chamber of commerce. It is expected a definite schedule will be decided upon.

Henry Johnson, the railway fireman, who is alleged to have fired a shotgun yesterday afternoon in a poolroom at Henry and Duke streets, at Benjamin Waters, has not yet been arrested. The police are of the opinion Johnson has probably left the city.

Funeral services for Philip P. Tension, whose death occurred Friday last, were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his parents, 43 South Fairfax street. Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, conducted the services, and the interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Plans have been completed by the Young Men's Sociality Lyceum for a minstrel performance, which will be given at its hall November 23-26 next. Tickets have already been placed on sale, and the affair promises to be a success.

The Young Men's Senate will on Tuesday night debate on the advisability of barring football from the schools and colleges of the country. At the same time there will be a grand party for the benefit of the poor of the city.

The managers and captains of the various basketball teams of the city will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock at Armory Hall to-morrow night for the purpose of organizing a basketball league for this city.

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### CROWDS HAMPER WORK OF RESCUE

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four bodies have been buried. Twenty-two bodies have been taken to near-by towns and twelve were placed in the new cemetery adjoining the Catholic church.

Shortly before midnight word came from the foot of the shaft of the St. Paul mine that workers on the east side of the second vein had distinctly heard the voices of two men shouting for help. Andrew Wilhite, a driver employed at the St. Paul mine, in Grandville, who has been brought here to work, brought up the report.

Conflict of Authority. The charge is made that there is a conflict of authority which is lessening the chances of the men who may be fighting the black damp in sealed up corridors. It is pointed out that the twenty men who have come up alive virtually saved their own lives, and all the rescuers did was to bring them up to the surface after they had fought their way to safety.

Some of the firemen charge openly that they could penetrate into the unexplored territory if they were permitted by their superiors to do so, but that they are being held back and kept at work shoring up the walls and putting in supports.

It is pointed out that fires are still burning below, and that the workers must proceed with the utmost caution in order that a new conflagration may not be started.

The survivors spent the day quietly at their homes. Such of them as were able to sit up were visited all day long by friends from other towns. A number of the men remained all day in their beds nursing back to life the spark of vitality so nearly quenched during seven days of thirsting and famine in the mine.

Tell of Desperate Fight. The story of a desperate fight, waged in the depths of the St. Paul mine by one faction of the twenty-one entombed miners against another, was told to-day by Que Antone, one of the rescued miners, the man who led the imprisoned miners out of their sealed up gallery in the final sortie that resulted in their escape. According to Antone's account, the saving of the men was accomplished only after one group, headed by a brawny miner, whose name every one refused to reveal, had been overpowered by another.

The first party adopted as its motto, "Might makes right." The second was bound together by the principle that the strong should protect the weak. In the course of this struggle some of the men were beaten by their companions and cowed into submission to a regular form of government. Bitter personalities were exchanged, blows were struck, and finally knives were drawn.

The thing over which the men quarreled was water. There were three sick men in the party, France Zannarini, Daniel Walowczak, and George Eddy. Of these Eddy was the strongest, and Walowczak, who was the oldest man in the crowd, the weakest. A group of men, headed by McClelland and Waite, insisted that these men should have the first call on the small supply of water that seeped into the shallow pits which had been dug in the veins of coal.

When the men first found themselves cooped up they turned naturally to George Eddy and Walter Waite for leadership. These men are scientific miners. They have had the advantage of years of practical experience. The rank and file of the miners looked up to and respected them.

"The first two or three days," said Antone, "were days of constant difficulties. Some of the men rebelled against the orders of Eddy and Waite. They were thirsty and most of the water was going to Walowczak and Zannarini. They insisted that the water should be divided, share and share alike. The first trouble was only arguments. Then the men became more bitter and exchanged personalities. Finally, they came to blows. In the midst of this trouble George Eddy was taken sick. This cut the rations of water for the stronger men even shorter than they had been.

Steal the Water. "Immediately after this some of the men began stealing water. In order that the sick men might have all that they needed, special wells were dug beside them. They were able then to put their faces into these wells and lap up with their tongues the water that oozed down its sides.

"Soon after Eddy was taken sick we discovered that some one was crawling up to Walowczak, pushing him aside and drinking his water. The sick man was then so far gone that he could not resist, and in the darkness he could not see who his assailant was.

"A regular secret guard was established over Walowczak, and before many hours had passed he was pounced upon by a man who was drinking the sick man's water. We gave him a bad beating. He was strong and worsted one or two of us. At last he drew a knife and began slitting around. Then we felled him with an ax heave and dragged him into a corner.

"After that we had no trouble about water being stolen. We established a regular guard over the sick man, some of the men only got snatches of sleep. We knew that they could be trusted and used them for guard duty."

BURIED MINERS WROTE  
OUT THEIR WILLS

Nearly every one of the twenty miners wrote a will. Most of the married men left letters to their wives, some of them documents being pathetic even in their illiteracy.

There, for instance was the case of John Lorimer, a Scotchman. Lorimer came over to this country with his young wife. They have been married three years. Both are Scotch Presbyterians. On Sunday, when the mine had not been opened, Mrs. Lorimer walked the streets in a maze, tortured with the thought that her husband might still be alive. On that day Lorimer by the light of his cap lamp wrote the following letter on a slip of note paper:

"Dear wife: I am still living yet. This is 1 o'clock Sunday morning, but we have poor hope, as the black damp is getting the best of us. There are twenty-one of us here.

"Dear wife, don't grieve; we will meet again. God bless you, and believe in Him. He will take care of you. I guess we will meet in a better land. When you get over this let them know at home. That is all, dear. God bless you.

"YOUR LOVING HUSBAND."

"I would work my hands to the bone if he would quit mine work," she said to-day.

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Ocean Steamships. New York, Nov. 21.—Arrived: Oedre, from Liverpool, November 12; Pannonia, from Almeria, November 12.

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